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Sewerage.

The Chairman of the Township Committee, Mr. W. F. Upson, said in his brief opening address last Monday that the question of constructing sewers in Bloomfield was the important problem of this year. Without doubt this is so. We have now expended or will expend about \$55,000 upon the joint outlet sewers, but before any practical benefit can be derived from that outlay, we must expend as individuals for lateral sewers and as a township for mains as much more.

This expenditure should be distributed over a period of five or ten years, and in that case would not be burdensome. The Committee have authority to proceed at once to construct the necessary main sewers of the township, and it is the opinion of the Committee that the main should be put down this season in Broad Street as far north as Belleville Avenue. This will be an expensive piece of work, on account of the depth necessary, an average of 26 feet below the street grade being required, to drain this section.

The lateral sewer pipes for side will be small and the laying inexpensive, being much nearer the surface. We understand that the direct assessment upon property benefited will not exceed fifty cents per linear foot. It is the opinion of citizens most interested in the growth, prosperity and health of the town that we cannot too soon get our sewers under way, and their construction finished. Our side streets need to be macadamized, but it is clearly a waste of money to expend it for paving before putting down the sewers. The last Township Committee anticipated this very properly recommended but a small expenditure for road construction the present year.

Opening of Mechanic Street.

This street, the ground for which was given many years ago, but which has never been opened and graded, has become an urgent necessity. The attempt to obstruct a portion of the roadway by the erection of a platform and weighing apparatus within the line of the street has drawn attention to it again, and a petition is now in circulation asking the Township Committee to open the street.

In the meeting of the Township Committee last Monday Mr. Gilbert vigorously opposed the proposed encroachment upon the roadway, and the result was that the sanction of the township was not given, and the excavation, already made for the apparatus and platform, has since been filled up. We understand now that the scales will be erected on the railroad property, south of Glenwood Avenue. Mr. Gilbert is entitled to the appreciation of the public for taking the stand that he did in this matter. He said that the street was no place in which to erect and maintain a private convenience of this kind, and he was right.

A Lecture on Napoleon.

At the Glen Ridge Congregational Church this Saturday evening, May 12th, a rare treat will take place in a lecture by Clas. H. Adams, Philadelphia, on "Napoleon Bonaparte," illustrated by a superb collection of views.

The transcending military genius of Napoleon, his supressing the nobility in Paris, his shining successes on many battlefields, his calamitous retreat from Moscow, his final overthrow at Waterloo by the allied armies under Wellington, the divorce from Josephine, the marriage to Marie Louise, and other striking events of his life are treated in a masterly manner by the lecturer, who, by his graceful style and effective delivery, spiced greatly by his chosen and unusually fine illustrations, deserves the warm hearty applause of his hearers.

Do not forget the date; this Saturday evening in the Glen Ridge Church. Tickets 50 cents.

New Patents.

Patents granted to Jersymon for the week ending May 1st, 1894, as recorded publicly by the *Official Gazette of Patents*, reported for this paper by Treschow & Co., patent solicitors, 22 Clinton St., Newark, N.J., and 325 Market St., Paterson, N.J.

Coin-tray, Hayden, Jersey City. Vise, 2 patents W. Sneliker, Trenton. Centrifugal creamer, O. Ohlsson, Newark. Blacksmith's forge, G. Post, Newark. Dish cleaner, F. Noble, Jersey City. Envelope, A. Ritter, Rahway. Electric-railway conductor support, J. Henry, Westfield. Edge folder for fabrics, R. Mitchell & J. Murphy, Passaic. Relay, H. Verley, Hoboken. Skylight, C. Borst, Camden. Lubricating device for car or other axles or shafts, J. Waburn, Hackensack. Boller, C. Hopkins, Arlington. Carpet, (Design) W. Jacobs, East Orange. Carpet, (Design) H. Haran, East Orange. Watch-case, (2 designs), W. Durand, Newark. Trolley wire clip, (Design) W. Crane, East Orange. Musical instrument, (Design) M. Redgrave, Jersey City.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Out Goes The Old. In Comes The New.

The king is dead; long live the king! The Township Committee of 1893-4 met Monday afternoon, heard the minutes of the last meeting read, approved them and then adjourned sine die. The Committee for 1894-5 then took their seats and organized by choosing Wm. Ford Upson, Chairman. Mr. Upson said he would discharge the duties of Chairman with impartiality. He complimented the old Committee on work done the past year, and spoke particularly of the construction of sewers, as requiring most careful consideration. He hoped the Committee would work wisely and harmoniously for the good of the whole township. He then announced the standing Committees for the year as follows:

Roads, Messrs. Fisher and Lawrance.

Sewers, Gilbert and Haskell.

Water, Haskell and Gilbert.

Lighting, Powers and Fisher.

Sidewalks, Lawrence and Fisher.

Police, Powers and Haskell.

Poor, Foster and Powers.

Public Ground, Lawrence and Gil-

bert.

Legal, Haskell and Powers.

Maps and Surveys, Foster and Haskell.

Fire Department, Gilbert and Foster.

Auditing, Fisher and Foster.

Montgomery Street Bridge, Gil-

bert and Foster.

Mr. Haskell was elected Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Lawrence Treasurer of the Committee.

The following appointments were made:

Chief Engineer Fire Department, Wm. U. Oakes.

Superintendent Fire Alarm System, E. H. Perry.

Township Physician, Dr. E. M. Ward.

Township Surveyor, A. H. Olmsted.

Township Counsel, Wm. S. Dodd.

Superintendent of Public Work, William U. Oakes.

Janitor, Thos. Hayes.

Police Justice, Wm. R. Hall.

Policemen, L. M. Collins, Thos. Mc

Kien, James Foster, James M. Avery,

Richard Baylis.

Chanceman, Charles Hummel, John Weden, L. H. Shorter.

Thomas Smith was appointed a special policeman without compensation.

An ordnance was introduced and read, fixing the salaries of offices for the current year as follows:

Township Clerk, \$700; Collector, \$1500; Overseer of the Poor, \$600;

Superintendent Public Work, \$600;

Township Counsel, \$500; Township Treasurer, \$150; Assessors, \$400 each;

Township Physician, \$250; Superin-

tendent Fire Alarm, \$200; Chief

Engineer Fire Department, \$200;

Janitor, \$100; Police, \$60 per month;

Engineer S. B. Cady was retained as Engineer to superintend the con-

struction of the McLain sewer in Bloomfield, until the same is com-

pleted.

The bonds and oaths of officers were referred to the Legal Committee for examination, and report at the next meeting.

It was resolved to hold meetings of the Committee each week on Monday at 3:45 P. M. until otherwise deter-

mined.

Sidewalk District meetings were appointed to be held on Monday evening next.

An application of Alfred Taylor for appointment as Sewer Inspector was received, read, and referred to the Sewer Committee.

A petition for a hard road on Wind-

sor Place was received and referred.

A petition for the introduction of water on Vine and Hickory Streets was referred.

W. A. Freeman, Jr., asked permis-

sion to erect a platform scale on

Mechanic Street opposite the D. L. & W. station. Mr. Powers moved that the request be granted, provided he agreed to remove it when requested.

Mr. Gilbert moved to amend the motion, that the matter be referred to the Town Counsel, and the amendment was carried.

Petitions for the laying of a water

main in Lincoln Street and on Hamil-

ton Road, and for the introduction of

gas on Hamilton Road, were referred to the proper committee.

A petition for the erection of three

lamps on Baldwin Street near Broad was referred.

A petition to have the lower por-

tion of Glen Ridge Avenue macadamized was referred.

Application was made to have

Ward Street and Farrand Street graded; also application to have

Clark Street between Bloomfield

Avenue and the railroad crossing macadamized.

A petition was received, having

been numerously signed, asking for

the laying of a crosswalk on Belle-

ville Avenue at the railroad station.

A petition was received to have the

street extending from Osborn Street

to Bay Avenue worked to grade,

also that three lamps be erected

thereon, also that the name "Che-

nt Street" be adopted in place of Bassinger Street by which it has come to be designated.

Mr. Gilbert suggested that as the street was destined in time to be cut through the railroad embankment to connect with State Street south of the railroad, it might be called "North State Street." The changing of the name was referred to the Committee on Maps and Surveys.

Captain S. G. Hayter made a request that \$100 be appropriated by the Committee to meet the expense of properly observing Memorial Day. The appropriation on motion of Mr. Gilbert was voted.

It was ordered that advertisements for bids for road work and sidewalk construction be prepared and inserted in the local papers.

The Board of Health was organized by the election of Wm. Ford Upson, President; Wm. L. Johnson, Secretary.

The choice of Health Inspector divided the Board on two candidates for the office, William B. Corby and Thomas Flannery. The latter was supported by Messrs. Powers and Foster, but Mr. Corby was elected to succeed himself by the votes of Messrs. Lawrence, Gilbert Fisher and Haskell.

Editorial:

When the lines were made known which were to mark the boundaries of the Ward it was announced by some of those whose advice had not been accepted in the making up, that the Third Ward was Democratic, and we still hear it asserted.

After three years' experience what are the facts? We find that the Third Ward has given a good majority to all the Republican candidates who have been nominated excepting that of Town Committee man.

At the first election after the division into Wards Mr. Edwin A. Rayner, Democrat, defeated the Republican candidate, Mr. C. W. Powers, by a vote of 275 to 165. This was no doubt due to the efforts made by the Glen Ridge and of the Ward, irrespective of party lines. At the expiration of his term Mr. Rayner was again elected by the same influences; to quote from the circular you published a few weeks ago, "which was issued in favor of his candidacy, "relieving thereby the best interests of both the District and Township will be served."

At our last election Mr. Rayner was again in nomination, and was defeated. Now for the first time the representatives in the Township Committee from the Third Ward are of one political faith. This is as it should be if party lines are to be drawn in town elections. That the majority of votes in the Third Ward are Republican needs no proof. The returns give us unanswerable. This being so, why do her representatives give their aid in favor of their political opponents? At the organization of the Township Committee for 1894 and '95 it is set forth in the appointment of officers, the junior representative of the Third Ward nominated a Democrat (no record intended to oblige gentlemen nominated) and that after his name had been rejected in caucus, upon notice, calls will be called for and delivered the same day if desired, and satisfaction guaranteed: Your patronage is solicited. Address Douglas J. Hill, Nos. 5, 7, & 9, Park Street, Montclair, N. J.

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